[Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai.]

peons in the various Anchal Offices is more exacting than that of the peons attached to the other departments of the State?

(*b*) If the answer is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to state whether they will consider the question of raising their pay similar to that of their brother peons in the Indian Postal Department and the Cochin State Service?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) Proposals for revising the pay of the delivery peons in the Anchal Department have been considered by the Government and provision for the purpose is made in the budget estimate for 1103.

Ayirur Dam.

35. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): With rerefence to my question No. 229, *re* Ayirur dam answered at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 28th April 1927, will the Government be pleased to state whether the estimate called for has been received?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The estimate has not been received from the Chief Engineer.

Admission of non-Travancoreans to the Science College during 1927-28.

36. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether students who are outsiders were admitted to the Science College during 1927-28; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, how many were so admitted and why they were preferred to the sons of the soil?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) Only one lady student. This student who was studying last year in the College for Women and who took a first class in the last Intermediate Examination was admitted to Group II-A of the B. A. Degree course in the College for the reason that instruction in the B. A. Class is not provided for in the Women's College. The admission was granted only after the needs of all Travancorean applicants to that group who possess the necessary qualifications were met. There are still two seats vacant in that Group.

Branch Road from 49th mile of the Cape Road.

37. **MR. PAUL DANIEL** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they propose to open, in the near future, the road proposed to be made ten years ago, for the benefit of Santayadi and several adjoining villages, from the 49th mile of the Cape road to the middle of the Agastisvaram road, the plan and estimate of which were prepared in 1921?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The necessity for the road is being investigated.

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